



NSW Amateur Soccer Federation



Child Protection Update

July 2002

CHILD PROTECTION GUIDELINES

The new NSW Amateur Soccer Federation Child Protection Guidelines will be distributed to all Associations this month. These easy to follow Guidelines will assist in ensuring that all Association Child Protection officers are implementing the Working With Children Check in accordance with the Child Protection Legislation of 1998.

ASSOCIATION RESPONSIBILITIES

In brief all Associations are responsible for the following:

1. Distribution of the Prohibited Employment Declaration forms to their member clubs.
2. Secure return of signed Prohibited Employment Declarations to the Association for safe storage by the Association Child Protection Officer.
3. Investigation and management of enquiries into all reported allegations of child abuse.
4. Ensure that all Child Related matters are treated as Strictly Confidential.
5. Report any completed disciplinary proceedings regarding child abuse to NSWASF Head office.

INFORMATION FOR OFFICIALS

We remind all Coaches, Managers, Trainers, Committee members and officials that a Prohibited Employment Declaration must be signed by you and returned to your club at the start of every season. These forms are available from your club or your Association Child Protection Officer.

CHILD ABUSE ALLEGATIONS

All allegations of child abuse will be investigated and reported to the necessary authorities in accordance with Child Protection Legislation.

CHILD ABUSE OFFENCES

Physical, Emotional, Verbal, Sexual or Threatening Abuse:

- Involving a child under 18 years
- Directed at a child under 18 years
- In front of a child under 18 years

by any **Coach, Manager, Trainer, Committee member** or **official** is an offence and will be investigated and handled in accordance with the NSWASF Child Protection Guidelines and Child Protection Legislation of 1998.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

For any further information or assistance regarding Child Protection or child related matters, please contact your Association Child Protection Officer or contact:

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 Child Protection Officer
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